

National Association of Postmasters of the United States

EXHIBIT

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HB 718

February 21, 2007

The Honorable Diane Rice
Chair, Judiciary Committee
Montana House of Representatives
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Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Representative Rice:

On behalf of the 41,000 members of the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S. (NAPUS), which includes the managers-in-charge of the 307 Montana post offices, I urge you to oppose H 718. The legislation would establish a "Do Not Mail Registry". Unfortunately, the bill would irreparably harm the state's economy and adversely impact universal affordable postal services to your constituents.

As President of the Montana Chapter of NAPUS and postmaster of Wolf Point, I am intimately aware of the nexus between "posted" hardcopy communications and a vibrant Montana economy. I am very concerned that the enactment of this bill would depress postal revenue, thereby undermining the ability of the U.S. Postal Service to continue to provide Montana residents with the high quality mail services to which they are entitled. In addition, a significant revenue decline would force postal managers to reduce postal positions, including employees who provide window services at local post offices, and employees who deliver mail to residential and business addresses. Consequently, please oppose H 718.

Thank you for considering the views of postal employees on this issue.

Sincerely,

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